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Draft programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011 for the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft programme of work in the field of sustainable development for the biennium 2010-2011, which is contained in the annex to the present note, is submitted for the consideration of the Commission on Sustainable Development in compliance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, Monitoring of Implementation and Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8).

2. In its resolution 63/247, the General Assembly approved the biennial programme plan for the period 2010-2011, which includes the elements of the programme narrative, namely, the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the sustainable development subprogramme.

3. The draft programme of work contained in the annex to the present note includes, in addition to the programme narrative, a list of outputs formulated within the framework of subprogramme 4 (Sustainable development) of programme 7 (Economic and social affairs) of the biennial programme plan for the period 2010-2011.

4. The Commission is invited to take note of the programme narrative and to review the proposed outputs to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, which will be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

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Annex

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Objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

Objective of the Organization: to accelerate the implementation of sustainable development goals, targets and commitments in accordance with internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, in particular the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective review of and agreement on key sustainable development challenges and priority actions of the multi-year programme of work to advance implementation in the areas of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns	(a) Increased level of satisfaction by Member States with the support and servicing for the intergovernmental process, including activities related to consensus-building, the functioning of the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the partnership fair, the Learning Centre and the participation of major groups
(b) Increased accessibility of information and knowledge on policy options, practical measures and concrete actions needed for the adoption and implementation of sustainable development at the local, national, regional and international levels	(b) (i) Increased number of inputs by Member States into databases on case studies, partnerships, best practices and lessons learned (ii) Increased number of visits to and downloads from the website of the Division for Sustainable Development
(c) Enhanced technical, human and institutional capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to implement actions and national strategies for sustainable development in energy, water, natural resources and sustainable consumption and production	(c) (i) Increased number of countries expressing satisfaction with advisory, technical cooperation and capacity-building services to achieve their sustainable development goals (ii) Increased number of national staff trained, resulting in enhanced knowledge and skills

External factors

The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that Governments and international institutions give priority to the implementation of Agenda 21, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation)

and other commitments made during the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (the Mauritius Strategy).

Outputs/activities

During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)

(i) General Assembly — Second Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the Second Committee, including informal consultations (40);

b. Parliamentary documentation: follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (2); follow-up to the Mauritius Strategy (3); report on the International Decade for Action, "Water for life", 2005-2015 (1); report on the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy (1);

(ii) Economic and Social Council:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the Council (8); meetings of informal consultations (18);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Commission on Sustainable Development (2);

(iii) Commission on Sustainable Development:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the Commission and in-session drafting groups (200); meetings of the Bureau of the Commission and related informal consultations (14);

b. Parliamentary documentation: overview report of progress towards sustainable development: a review of the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (1); report on the review of and policy options on transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (10); report on partnerships for sustainable development (1); major groups papers for the Commission on Sustainable Development (10); background paper: summary information on partnerships (1); background papers on issues to be included in the Commission's programme of work for 2010-2011 (10); report on the review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy focusing on the thematic cluster of issues to be reviewed by the Commission (1); reports on regional implementation meetings (5); notes on the meeting of the Bureau of the Commission (10); report on the programme of work and the strategic framework of the Division for Sustainable Development (1);

(iv) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on sustainable consumption and production: challenges and responses (1); expert group meeting on the management of chemicals and hazardous substances: challenges and responses (1); expert group meeting on policies and strategies for promoting cleaner and more sustainable energy options in the transport sector (1); expert group meeting on facilitating the transfer and diffusion of cleaner and climate-friendly energy technologies (1); expert group meeting on mainstreaming the Mauritius Strategy into national sustainable development strategies (1); expert group meeting on adapting water resources planning and management to emerging climate change patterns (1); expert group meeting on accelerating implementation of development goals through national sustainable development strategies (1); expert group meeting on indicators of sustainable development: updating guidelines and methodologies (1); expert group meeting on implementing sustainable development in developing countries: the role of partnerships (1); expert group meeting on strengthening the broad participation of multi-stakeholders in the implementation of sustainable development policies and measures (1); major group discussions during the eighteenth session of the Commission (1) (extrabudgetary); major group discussions during the nineteenth session of the Commission (1) (extrabudgetary); major group discussions at the international preparatory meeting (1) (extrabudgetary); servicing of the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (2) (extrabudgetary);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget)

(i) Recurrent publications: *Energy and Transport Newsletter* (2); innovation briefing notes (6); *Natural Resources Forum* (quarterly) (8);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: trends in sustainable development: sustainable consumption and production (1); trends in sustainable development: chemicals, waste, transport and mining (1); sustainable consumption and production: addressing the climate change challenge (1); best practices in chemicals management (1); energy efficiency in the transport sector (1); technology development and transfer (1); managing water resources: responding to climate change (1); guidelines for mainstreaming the Mauritius Strategy into national sustainable development strategies (1); experiences in national sustainable development strategies (1); partnerships as effective tools to enhance the implementation of sustainable development commitments (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: brochure on activities of the Division for Sustainable Development and the Commission on Sustainable Development (1); information/press kits for Commission on Sustainable Development sessions (2); role of major groups (1);

(iv) Special events: partnerships fairs, learning centres, including on toolkits for sustainable consumption and production, and side events at Commission sessions (6);

(v) Technical material: maintenance and update of the partnerships, major groups and national information databases (1); database of programmes on sustainable consumption and production on the Marrakech Process website; maintenance, update and integration of the Marrakech Process website with the website of the Division for Sustainable Development (1); maintenance and update of the case studies database of the Commission on Sustainable Development (1); maintenance, update and continuous enhancement of the website of the Division for Sustainable

Development (2); maintenance and update of national information databases (1); maintenance and update of the online global map of national sustainable development strategies development and implementation (2); maintenance and update of methodologies of the indicators of sustainable development (1);

(vi) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: inter-agency meetings for coordinating the work of the United Nations in the area of sustainable development: (i) UN-Water (4); (ii) UN-Energy (4); and (iii) UN-Oceans (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(i) Advisory services: expert advisory services, at the request of Governments and in cooperation with United Nations agencies and regional commissions, will be provided to developing countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition, for capacity-building and/or strengthening in such areas as national sustainable development strategies, indicators for sustainable development, devising and implementing action plans and policies for sustainable consumption and production, facilitating partnerships for sustainable development, strengthening of institutions and providing support to multi-stakeholder consultative processes that promote sustainable development, as well as processes related to sustainable management of freshwater and energy for sustainable development, with a focus on energy efficiency and new and renewable energy resources and advanced fossil fuel technologies, as well as, inter alia, natural resources development;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: training seminars and/or workshops for and with national policymakers in developing countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition, with a view to strengthening national capabilities in all areas of sustainable development. These include toolkits for sustainable consumption and production, integrated water resources management and energy for sustainable development;

(iii) Field projects: provision of technical services to Member States under country, regional and interregional technical cooperation projects in the area of sustainable development supported from all sources of funding.